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In re Application of:

CHERYL A. PEDERSON, JENNIFER S. MA  
AND NANCY J. DYSLIN

Serial No.: 09/729,034  
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For: METHODS FOR MANAGING  
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SURGICAL PROCEDURES IN  
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	21	Minus	** 21	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	*** 4	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid					\$290.00	
Total Additional Fee For This Amendment →						\$0.00
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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

*June 10, 2004*  
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